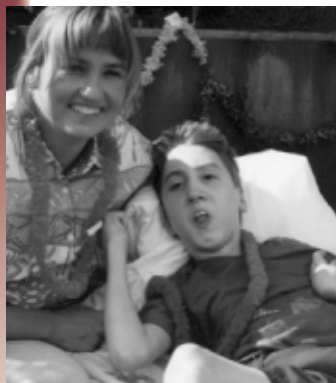


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## Respite Care at Yakima Valley School



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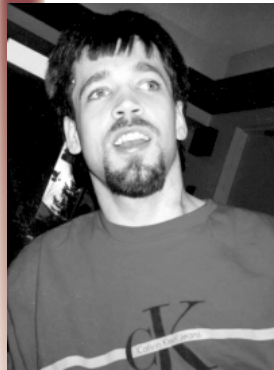


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## What Is Yakima Valley School?

Yakima Valley School is a state and federally funded certified nursing facility operated by the Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). Yakima Valley School, located in Selah, just north of Yakima, has provided 24-hour residential care to people with developmental disabilities since 1958.

In 1997, the Washington State legislature established funding to operate a 16-bed respite program.



## What Is Respite Care?

Respite is a planned, short-term relief for individuals, families, and caregivers. Respite care services include room and board, social activities, and supervision by qualified professionals.

Other services available according to each individual's needs include:

- medical evaluations
- nursing exams and treatments
- behavior consultations
- dental hygiene services
- therapy services
  - wheelchair evaluations, physical therapy
- recreation
- speech therapy
- specialized dietary services

Apartment accommodations are also available at no cost for families and caregivers who want to stay overnight.

**Respite Care Services Must Be Coordinated In Advance With a DDD Case Resource Manager**

## How Do I Find Out More?

Most individuals who are receiving services from DDD and who need nursing services are eligible for respite care. Contact your DDD case resource manager to discuss whether respite care is right for you.

### For More Information

**Contact Your DDD  
Case Resource Manager  
Or Call Toll Free**

**1-800-822-7840**

**(509) 225-7970**

**TTY (509) 225-7987**

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